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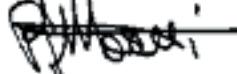
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NETS HEARD IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY				
Daily	6:00-8:00 AM	14.2900	Milwaukee / Florida (SSB)	Wed.	8:00 PM	145.1300	ARRL voice news
Daily	5:15-6:00 AM	3.9850	Wisconsin SSB net	Wed.	8:00 PM	147.2700	Weather & Swap Net
Daily	7:30 AM	144.1550	Breakfast RoundTable (SSB)	Thu.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net	Thu.	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Computer Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.8650-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)	Fri	8:00 PM	28.4900	MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.4450	Emergency Net	Fri	9:00 PM	145.3900-	W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10 mtr. net
Mon.	8:45 PM	<u>147.1650</u>	ARRL voice news (ARES)	Sat	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Saturday Night Fun Net
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net	Sun.	8:30 AM	3.9850	QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Mon.	9:00 PM	147.1650	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)	Sun.	9:00 AM	145.5650	X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.1600	6 m. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net	Sun.	10:00 AM	443.8000	FM-38 link to 146.88 Baraboo
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.2500	Badger Contesters (SSB)	Sun.	8:00 PM	146.9100-	SWAPnet
Tue.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net	Sun.	9:00 PM	146.9100-	Information Net
							Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600 KHz -- 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz
 SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 mtrs and above are USB

HAMATEUR CHATTER

HamateurChatter is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club), a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are \$17.00 per year and run on a calendar year starting January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday of the month except for November (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) and December, when Christmas dinner takes the place of a regular meeting.

Meetings are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
 Fellowship Hall
 4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
 Milwaukee, WI

EINSTEIN ON WIRELESS

The wireless telegraph is not difficult to understand. The ordinary telegraph is like a very long cat. You pull the tail in New York, and it meows in Los Angeles. The wireless is the same, only without the cat. --

CREDITS

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

WB9BWP WB9PTC K9RYW
 K9LCQ KF9PU W9UQ

Our thanks go

Rita Doneis, Hal Newton, and Tom Fuszard, for proofreading the 'Chatter' this month.

Dick Wood, for mailing the hard copy of the 'Chatter'.

Joe Schwarz, who Emails the 'Chatter'.

Howard Parks, who administers our Web Site.



Mark Tellier, Tom Czaja, and Tom Fuszard who manage our VEC.

***T h a n k
 Y O U !***

On behalf of Mark Tellier, Tom Czaja, I'd like to thank John Kraak for all his hard work on our behalf of our VEC the past seven years.

He will be missed.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3/30/06

There were 69 members and visitors in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Patrick welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The microphone was passed for all present to introduce themselves.

NOTE: At the board meeting on Monday the 27th it was decided that Gordon West would be allowed to give his talk first.

Patrick, W9UQ, announced that the results of the FM simplex contest would be announced and then Gordon West would give his talk.

Joe, N9UX, announced the results of the FM Simplex contest as follows:

Warren, K9IZV, 1st Place mobile
Ken, W9GA, 1st Place base
Charles, KC9IIV, 1st Place - HT
Jeff, K9VS, High Score - 2 m
Larry, KC9IJA, High Score 70 cm
Jack, N9XRO, High Score -6 m
Badger Contesters, High Score - Club

Patrick then asked Dave, WB9BWP, to explain how Gordon West was invited to the meeting. Dave introduced Gordon West.

Brian, K9LCQ, read the February membership meeting minutes.

There were no additions or corrections.

A motion was to accept the minutes as read. by Joe, N9UX, seconded by Pancho, KA9OFA.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Patrick, W9UQ, read the treasurer's report for February.

There were no additions or corrections.

Howard, AB9FH, made a motion to accept the report and Pancho, KA9OFA, seconded it.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

No buzz talk.

Old Business:

Code Practice On the Air: Buck K9RYW and Bob, W9CYI have taken up the CWOTA and have added a Wednesday night session as well that will be handled by Dick, WB9PTC, to teach the code.

VEC Report:

Tom KF9PU reported that John KF9XL

has stepped down as chairman of the MRAC VEC. Mark AB9CD and Tom KG9EE will be assuming the chairman's duties.

Tom updated the members on current VEC issues.

Patrick repeated a call for a nomination chairman for May.

Patrick repeated a call for a Field Day chairman for June. No response.

The club will have a table at SuperFest. Volunteers are needed to man the table.

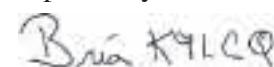
No new business.

A motion was made by Pancho, KA9OFA, to adjourn and was seconded by Charles, KC9IIV.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian White K9LCQ – Secretary

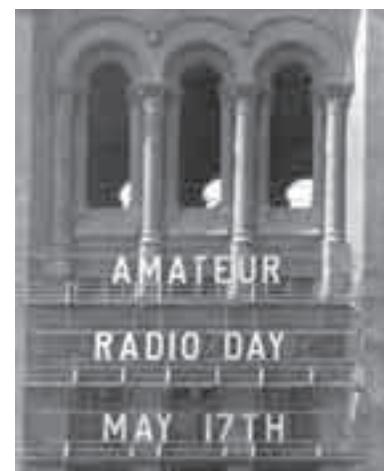


Photo of Milwaukee City Hall taken on May 17, 1982

GOVEROR DOYLE SIGNS PROCLAMATION

Governor Doyle signed the Proclamation designating June 24, 25, as Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Days. He was very cordial to the Amateurs in attendance (KC9HHX, KG9NG, N9ROY, N9TWA, and W9IXG) and expressed his gratitude on behalf of the citizens for the services we provide the State.

He solemnly read aloud the entire proclamation before signing it. The proclamation is now on display at Wisconsin Emergency Management in Madison.

A photo of the event at the Capital is on the Wisconsin ARRL website.

<https://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=WI>.

W1AW OPERATING SCHEDULE

W1AW 2006 Spring/Summer Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
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1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1300 UTC (9 AM ET)	Cwf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1400 UTC to 1600 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM ET)

1700 UTC to 1945 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET)

(Station closed 1600 to 1700 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM ET))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2000 UTC (4 PM ET)	Cwf	Mon, Wed, Fri
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2000 "	Cws	Tue, Thu
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2100 "(5 PM ET)	Cwb	Daily
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2200 "(6 PM ET)	RTTY	Daily
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2300 "(7 PM ET)	Cws	Mon, Wed, Fri
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2300 " "	Cwf	Tue, Thu
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0000 "(8 PM ET)	Cwb	Daily
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0100 "(9 PM ET)	RTTY	Daily
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0145 "(9:45 PM ET)	VOICE	Daily
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0200 "(10 PM ET)	Cwf	Mon, Wed, Fri
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0200 " "	Cws	Tue, Thu
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0300 "(11 PM ET)	Cwb	Daily
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Frequencies (MHz)

CW:	1.8175,	3.5815,	7.0475,	14.0475,	18.0975,	21.0675,	28.0675,	147.555
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RTTY:	-----	3.625	7.095	14.095,	8.1025	21.095	28.095	147.555
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VOICE:	1.855	3.990	7.290	14.290	18.160	21.390	28.590	147.555
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Notes:

Cws = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5 7.5 10 13 and 15 WPM

Cwf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35 30 25 20 15 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CWbulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC

(100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2230 UTC (6:30 PM ET), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between

0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Thursdays and 0000 UTC (8 PM ET) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

FCC licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1400 UTC to 1600 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM ET), and then from 1700 UTC to 1945 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM ET) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur license or a photocopy.

The complete W1AW Operating Schedule may be found on page 96 in the March 2006 issue of QST or on the web at:

<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.

OTA CW CLASSES

- Buck, K9RYW, and Bob, W9CYI, are still holding "On The Air" code lessons/practice sessions. The class/practice is held on **Monday and Friday at 6:00 p.m.** on our repeater.

- Dick, WB9PTC, is also teaching a beginner's class on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

- They need more feedback from the listeners and participants to know if they are getting it and to know how to improve the lessons. If you can, check in so they have an idea how many are participating/listening and how to adjust the sessions.



REMINDERS!

- Please check in to our nets on Friday evenings.

- Our **ten meter SSB net** is at **8:00 p.m. at 28.490 MHz USB.**

- Our **two meter FM net** follows at 9:00 p.m. on our repeater at **145.390 MHz** with a minus offset and a **PL of 127.3 Hz.**

- Join us for **Saturday morning breakfast** at **Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr.** We usually meet at around 8:00 a.m., and order around 8:15 a.m. The food and the company are good and you don't have to be a member of the club to join us.

EVENTS

MARA SwapFest*
Sat. - APR. 22, 2006
Mandt Community Center
Stoughton, WI
T/I on 147.15 (123.0 Hz pl)

MRAC General Meeting
Thu. - April, 27, 2006
7:00 P.M.
Nominations for Election
of Officers

Central Wisconsin SwapFest
SAT. - APR. 29, 2006
Unity Memorial Hall
Unity, WI
T/I on 147.75/147.15, Medford rptr

Cedarburg SwapFest
SAT. - MAY 6, 2006
Circle B Recreation Center
Cedarburg, WI



DEKALB HamFest
Sun. - May 7, 2006
Sandwich Fairgrounds
Sandwich, IL
T/I on 147.730- (100Hz pl)
or 146.52 Mhz simp.

DAYTON HAMVENTION
Fri., Sat, & Sun - May 19, 20 and 21 2006
Dayton, OH

Amateur Radio Operator Recognician Days
Sat. & Sun. - Apr. 24 & 25, 2006

ARRL Field Day
Sat. - Sun., Jun. 24 & 25, 2006
Pioneer Village
10 mi. north of Cedarburg
on Hwy "T"

Princeton HamFest
SAT-SUN. - JUN 3 & 4, 2006
Bureau Co.Fairgrounds
Princeton, IL
T/I on 146.955 - MHz (103.5 PL)

SMARC SwapFest*?
SAT. - JUL. 8, 2006
American Legion Post 434
Oak Creek, WI

* indicates VE testing
is available.

EXAM RESULTS

We had a really good session on April 1. A total of 29 candidates attended the session. Of those, 15 were successful in obtaining a new license or in upgrading. One individual even went the distance. He took all four exams and left the room with an Extra Class license. (Just as MRAC member Ken Hahn did several months ago.)

VEs who assisted with this session include:

Tom Czaja KG9EE
Mark Tellier AB9CD
Kent Christiansen N9WH
Hal Newton KB9OZN
Les Hundt AB9EY
Ken Hahn WK9H
Pancho Doneis KA9OFA
Ken Eggert W9MOT
Mark Bye KB9LDX
Bernie Golownia AA9CI

Our next session will be held at AES on **Saturday, April 29**. We'll begin testing at 9:30, and administer the last exam no later than 11:15. Please mention this to anyone you know who is ready to take an exam.

73,

Tom, KF9PU

UPCOMING MRAC PROGRAMS

Projected Upcoming programs for MRAC will include:

April 27th meeting will feature Tom Schulte - AB9EK who will be talking about **“Decoding Weather Satellites”**. We will also be taking **Nominations** for the Election of officers and two seats on the Board of Directors at this meeting. So, think about who you'd like to see sitting in the seats of POWER in our club. Maybe, you?.

May 25th meeting will be **election of officers** and our **Annual Auction**.

June 29th meeting will come almost a week after Field Day, so we will discuss how Field Day went.

EXAM SCHEDULE

MRAC VEC A Exam Schedule
Spring & Summer 2006

Sat., Apr. 29, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES

• Sat., May 27, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES
• Sat., July 29, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES

• **AES = Amateur Electronic Supply**

5710 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

73,

John, KF9XL



The **next meeting of MRAC**
will be **Thursday, April 27, 2006**
at **7:00 p.m.**

Redemption Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

4057 N. Mayfair Rd.

(Use the south entrance)

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(127.3Hz pl)**

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**Our program
for the
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